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**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

August 4, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday August 4, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mike Cassell, Director of the Recreation Department.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by the secretary Clifford W. Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA President Clark Cook	Absent
Westco President David Mobley	Present
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Absent
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA President Chris Lewis	Present
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Absent
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President	TBA
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Absent
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present

Also in attendance was Lisa Preston, Recreation Department staff member, and Mayor Finley.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of Policies and Procedures for Athletic Programs has been tabled to September meeting.

The Understanding and Agreement Policies for Facilities use between Madison Public School System and the Madison Recreation Department was signed and presented to the public on 30 July.

Update on the "Hero Program" sponsored by LOWES was not presented for there has been no word from LOWES. Mike Cassell would try again to follow-up with the representatives from LOWES.

The discussion on annual budgets as presented by the athletic organizations was deferred to September since only AYSO, Westco and Greenways were the only ones submitting their budgets and annual plans. The lack of submissions and attendance from the respective organizations was noted.

BOARD ITEMS

Mike Cassell, recommended that a new president be selected to replace Michael Ray who has moved to Maryland. This item should be done at the September meeting.

Mike also briefed the board on the vandalism done this week on the soccer field on the north end of Dublin Park. Individuals drove cars through the fences of three of the fields as well as driving across and all over four of the fields. Fences damages were estimated at \$850.00. Many hours of labor will be required to smooth out all the damaged fields.

AYSO should be able to use the fields at Heritage and Rainbow for soccer practices starting next week. Bobby Jackson will ensure the principals' are informed and briefed on the new usage policies between the school system and the recreation department.

All the fields are ready for soccer, which begins at the end of this week.

Mayor Finley reminded the board that recourses throughout the city must be maximized and we all need to analyze possible ways to use or develop additional recourses to further the life styles we are so proud of in Madison. Ideas of possible facility and land use are Intergraph and Grove Church.

Allison asked the Mayor to comment on the bidding for the Greenway. The bidding has gone back out again and results should be forth coming. In that same vain would Allison and her organization look at expansion of the walk and running paths around Palmer and connecting to the greenways.

Westco, per David Mobley, has had a very successful year in that it sponsored some 17 tournaments with 32 teams.

Lisa Sheffield briefed the board on the upcoming season of soccer which starts this Friday. She also briefed the board on the restroom sub committee and the number of ideas and plans and ideas already obtained. The Mayor advised the board there could be some possible funding provided by the county commissioners, but we would have to have reasonable numbers and not wish for the moon.

Mike Cassell apprised the board on the necessity of locking down the Palmer area when rain and weather limits the use of these facilities. Mrs. Lewis, Madison Athletic Org. advised Cassell that there was a freezer at one of the concession buildings at Palmer in need of repair.

Mike Cassell reminded all organizations that have not done so, to submit their budget and annual operating plan to his office two weeks before the next board meeting on September 1, 2009.

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting will be on 1 September 2009 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.